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The Ten Best Festivals in Colorado This Summer

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Colorado overflows with festivals in the summer. Looking for high adventure? Culture? Diversity? Art? From the high country to city streets, this state has it all: You can get to know your neighbors, get to know your world. Get wet, get wild.

Here are ten ways to get wet and wild this summer.

Colfax ArtFest 2019
August 2-3
40 West Arts District, Lakewood
Lamar Station Plaza, Lakewood
colfaxartfest.org

Formerly known as the West Colfax MuralFest, Colfax ArtFest 2019 will still feature murals-in-progress at the Lamar Station on Saturday (as well as trolley tours, a car show, food trucks, live art and vendor booths). But in a bow to Lakewood's now-chirping 40 West Arts District, Friday night will be given over to the Colfax Art Crawl, a First Friday tradition with gallery receptions and roaming entertainment, followed by a late-night surprise pop-up party at a secret location to be revealed that night. Find out why we awarded 40 West as the top arts district in Westword's 2019 Best of Denver issue.

Editors’ Choice
40 West ArtLine

This new, roughly four-mile art trek combines our love of hitting the trail—in this case, a green painted line that winds past 70-plus pieces of public art in Lakewood’s 40 West Arts District—and gallery hopping. Short on time? Start near Casa Bonita and tackle the two-mile western portion of the loop. Then, the trail passes by an interactive exhibit from Timothy Flood titled “Affirmation Station,” a transportation-themed sidewalk mural by Yulia Avgustinovich, and “Unearthed Plates,” which looks like the spine of a stegosaurus protruding from Aviation Park. The path then leads to a smattering of galleries, including Pirate: Contemporary Art, which came to Lakewood in 2017 from Highland, where the pioneering co-op helped anchor the Narvino Street Art District for more than 35 years.
Go to BID

A community-created district that advocates for capital investment and economic development to support existing and new business in Lakewood's West Colfax corridor.

Go to 40 West Arts

A 501(c)3 nonprofit operating a Colorado Certified Creative District that champions community arts spaces and events and supports creative activities along Lakewood's historic West Colfax Avenue.

Go to WCCA

A 501(c)6 association for businesses and residents that provides a forum for dialogue & reliable community information as well as a unifying voice for the West Colfax community.

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CREATIVE LEADERSHIP

TRAJECTORY

authority

control vs. empowerment

communication

isolation vs. collaboration

recognition

ONE vs. ALL

Motivation

Intellect vs. Emotion
Challenge the Status Quo

PREDICTABILITY vs EXPERIMENTATION
AUTHORITY
Create MORE Leaders
CONTROL vs EMPOWERMENT
Share Broadly

COMMUNICATIONS

ISOLATION vs COLLABORATION
RECOGNITION

Celebrate Success

ONE vs ALL
MOTIVATION

Lead from the Heart

INTELLECT vs EMOTION
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- **Model the Way**: Clarify values and set the example.
- **Inspire a Shared Vision**: Envision the future and enlist others.
- **Challenge the Process**: Search for opportunities and experiment and take risks.
- **Enable Others to Act**: Foster collaboration and strengthen others.
- **Encourage the Heart**: Recognize contributions and celebrate the values and victories.
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